Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting August 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on August 4, 2016, in the Dodge County Highway building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, William Muche, Jeffrey Caine, Jeff Berres, and Ed Nelson. Commissioner Brian Field and Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson were also present. The following people were present for part of the meeting: Rick Bratz, Bill Blaska, Dan Gorder, and Randy Soldner representing the Quad County Riders ATV Club; Terri Pederson from the Daily Citizen; County Board Supervisors Donna Maly and Dave Frohling; County Board Supervisor Joe Marsik representing the Human Resources Committee; Human Resources Director Sarah Eske; and County Administrator Jim Mielke.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Muche to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2016: Minutes of July 28, 2016, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: GRS Bridge Demo Day is August 25th at 8:00 a.m. at the Juneau Community Center.

A state-wide Town Hall Meeting will be on September 29th.

Railroad crossing signage in Reeseville was discussed.

DISCUSS STAFFING CONCERNS: Field presented concerns on recruiting and retaining qualified employees. Marsik, Maly, Frohling, Mielke, and Eske shared their input as well. Many concepts were suggested. It was the consensus of the Committee to continue reviewing these concepts at future meetings. No action was taken.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ELIMINATING AN EXISTING POSITION AND CREATING A NEW POSITION ON THE ACCOUNTING STAFF ROSTER: No action was taken and this was postponed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee reports.

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APPROVE PER DIEM AND EXPENSES: Motion by Muche and seconded by Caine to approve a per diem and expenses for Johnson to attend the Human Resources Committee meeting on August 2, 2016, in the Administration Building in Juneau. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATES: The Neosho project is going well.

HMA paving bids were received on August 3rd. Northeast Asphalt was the only bidder at \$636,733.25.

The CTH O Alderly bridge replacement will start on August 11th.

Right-of-way acquisition on CTH S and CTH T is progressing.

CTH YY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE: The CTH YY reconstruction project continues to go well. Soil conditions and weather conditions have been favorable.

CONSIDER SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SEWR PAC) RESOLUTION: Motion by Nelson and seconded by Caine to agree to the conditions proposed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and to appoint the Highway Commissioner to represent Dodge County at future meetings. Motion carried. A resolution will be presented to the County Board for consideration at the August 16th meeting.

REVIEW PASER RATINGS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING REQUEST: Current and historical PASER information on Dodge County highways was distributed and discussed. The average condition of the highway system continues to decline.

REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR ATV-UTV ROUTES AND POSSIBLY TAKE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE: Several ATV-UTV route applications were reviewed. Motion by Berres and seconded by Caine to approve the requested routes on CTH's TT, II, BB, and I in the Towns of Portland and Elba with the stipulation that the routes are not open until all signage is in place. Motion carried. An ordinance will be presented to the County Board for consideration at the August 16th meeting. It was agreed that the chairmen of the Towns of Lowell and Shields be notified that the Dodge County Highway Commission will not approve requested ATV-UTV routes on any county highways within the limits of a town unless the town has adopted an ordinance allowing ATV-UTV routes on town roads.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE TRANSPORTA- TION FUNDING: Motion by Caine and seconded by Berres to approve a resolution requesting sustainable transportation funding from the State Legislature. Motion carried. This resolution will be presented to the County Board at the August 16th meeting.

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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING PARKING CONCERNS ON CTH T NORTH OF STH 16/60: It was the consensus of the Committee to seek an ordinance restricting parking on CTH T north of STH 16/60 for a specified distance on the east side of CTH T. Thompson will consult Corporation Counsel to create this ordinance and present it at a future meeting.

DISCUSS DRIVEWAY APPEAL ON CTH P: Motion by Berres and seconded by Nelson to approve an access appeal for an additional school driveway on CTH P south of STH 60 as presented. Motion carried.

REVIEW VOUCHER PAYMENTS: Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: staffing concerns, CTH YY project, and 2017 budget request.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on August 18, 2016, in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: There was no field review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Harold J. Johnson - Chairman

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